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He Thinks That the Church Will Take No Further Action—The Clergyman's Lawyer Will Fight Discontinuance of the Action Begun in This County.

The announcement was made yesterday that Mrs. Adele F. Watt had obtained a divorce from her husband Commodore Archibald Watt. The interlocutory decree was granted by Supreme Court Justice Sewell, in Brooklyn, on Sept. 30. The suit was brought in Orange county and on Dec. 4 the papers were filed with the clerk of that county. Final judgment was not entered on Dec. 3, as it might have been, but was postponed to Dec. 15.

This leaves the Rev. George R. Van De Water, rector of St. Andrew's Protestant Episcopal Church, in a curious dilemma, as he was not named in the Orange county proceedings, and therefore had no means of clearing himself of the charges made in January last in the suit brought in this

county by Commodore Watt.
Dr. Van De Water's lawyer, William H Sage, of all the counsel engaged in the case, was the only one who would talk for publication yesterday. He gave out this statement:

The statement in this morning's newspapers that Mrs. Watt had secured an absolute divorce against Mr. Watt in Orange county is the first intimation I have had that any such action was pending or even contemplated. In the action now pending in New York county, Dr. Van De Water Interposed his answer as corespondent, served notice of trial and stands ready to try the case when it is reached and prove his entire innocence of any of the acts charged in Mr. Watt's answer.

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What proceedings I shall take because of the action in Orange county I do not now know. I judge that Mrs. Watt had sued for an absolute divorce and had obtained it. If this is true it is not the same issue that is raised in the action in New York county, for in the latter action she merely sued for a separation, on the ground of cruelty and abandonment, and it was Mr. Watt who alleged adultery and asked for an absolute divorce. Of course I shall vigorously oppose any discontinuance of the action in this county.

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He is not an original party to the action, but by special statute has some of the rights of a party, and whether he could prevent the discontinuance of an action in which his good name was attacked, where such discontinuance is asked on the ground that the marriage itself had been severed, I am not now prepared to say.

The fact, however, that a divorce was granted in an action in a remote county, in which no allegations whatever were made by Mr. Watt involving Dr. Van De Water, for if Mr. Watt had been able to prove his charges he most certainly would have set them up in that action.

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Supreme Court Justice Bischoff, who is a vestryman of St. Andrew's Protestant Episcopal Church, has taken a deep interest in the charges made against Dr. Van De Water and has affirmed his belief in the clergyman's innocence. Justice Bischoff said vesterday: said yesterday:

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"The news of the judgment is a surprise to me. The case could not have been tried in Orange county unless one or other of parties was a resident of that county, or unless both Mr. and Mrs. Watt consented to such a trial. As I understand it, the suit and counter suit here are still pending and will be called for trial in their proper order unless discontinued. If no response is made to the call, then the Court will dismiss the suits and that will end the matter, as far as the corespondent is concerned.

"I do not think that there will be a church investigation in the matter. I do not perceive how it could benefit any one. The church could not compel the attendance of witnesses, or of Mr. and Mrs. Watt. I would not advise such a proceeding, had I any say in the matter. As far as I can see, if the suit and counter suit here are dropped, the affair is ended so far as Dr. Van De Water is concerned."

The litigation between Mr. and Mrs. Watt started about a year ago last June, when Mrs. Watt began a suit in this county for a separation on the grounds of desertion and cruelty. Howe & Hummel, her attorneys, secured for her \$100 a week allmony and \$1,000 for counsel fee. It was on this motion that Commodore Watt's counsel, John C. Shaw, interposed affidavits in his answer denying her charges and accusing her of misconduct with "aclergyman." Mr. Shaw subsequently started a counter suit on behalf of Watt, demanding an

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Mr. Shaw subsequently started a counter suit on behalf of Watt, demanding an absolute divorce on the ground of Mrs. Watt's intimacy with Dr. Van De Water and another corespondent.

Mr. Hummel promptly replied by affidavits and an answer to the counter suit, in which Mrs. Watt accused her husband of adultery with several women. This answer made her separation suit one for an absolute divorce, according to a lawyer who is familiar with the case.

As Mrs. Watt insisted on a jury trial, a large number of questions relating to the allegations were framed by counsel and submitted to Justice Blanchard for his approval." These questions were to have gone before a jury.

Thereafter the clergyman intervened as a corespondent and put in an answer denying the charges against him. That was the condition of affairs when Mrs. Watt suddenly employed new counsel, Hoadly, Lauterbach & Johnson, and brought a suit in Orange county for a divorce.

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Myer Mussbaum of 256 Broadway was referee, and he recommended in September that she be granted a divorce. His report was approved, and an interlocutory judgment granted which becomes absolute three months later. Most of the testimony was taken at Newburgh.

DOLL SALES FOR CHARITY. Toy Baby From Mrs. Boosevelt Goes for \$100--Little Folks Earn \$1,000.

Two charity doll bazaars were held yesterday. "The Little Mothers," a society to provide for homeless children, held one at Lawyer Says So and That His Parents Fear the Waldorf-Astoria and sold several thouthe Waldorf-Astoria and sold several thou-sand dollars worth of dolls. One from Mrs. Roosevelt, sent "with the love of all the children," brought \$100. A big toy baby given by Mrs. George Gould and one sent by Mrs. Mabel McKinley Baer were raffled for about twice that amount. A "Peggy From Paris," from Miss Georgia Caine, and a boy from Miss Maude Adams also brought high prices.

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The other fair was given by the Guild of the other fair was given by the Guild of the home of Mr. and the Infant Saviour at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Germain Reyaes in West Seventieth street. It was called "The Little Folks' Sale." and earned nearly \$1,000 toward giving a happy Christmas to poor children.

DINNER DANCE AT DELMONICO'S. First of the Thursday Evening Dances Draws a Large Attendance.

The first of the Thursday evening dances for the season, instituted several years ago by Mrs. Frederic J. de Peyster and J. Montgomery Strong, was given last night at Delmonico's. The new patronesses this year are Mrs. Edward Ripley, Mrs. James L. Barclay, Mrs. Louis Cruger

Hasell, Mrs. Arthur Sedgwick, Mrs. Eliphalet Nott Potter.
Each of the thirty patronesses entertained her own guests at small flower trimmed tables in the big ball room.
After the dinner the tables were cleared, while coffee was served in the outer salons. while coffee was served in the outer salons.

Alexander M. Hadden led the cotillon with Miss Ellen Mercer Atterbury. Among the favors were wands, chrysanthemums and picture frames.

Mine Boss Killed in Port Royal Mine.

PITTSBURG, Dec. 10. - A second explosion of firedamp occurred at 11 o'clock this morning in the Euclid mine of the Pittsburg Coal Company, near Port Royal, killing Mine Superintendent A. W. Sweeney and fatally injuring Pit Boss John Horn-feck and two laborers, Peter Labaric and Antonio Markoeki. An explosion which killed one man and injured several others occurred in the same mine yesterday. **PUBLICATIONS**

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Water Register John E. Eastmond of Brooklyn caused the arrest of an alleged briber yesterday, after which the prisoner created considerable excitement by throwing a "fake" fit in the office of District Attorney Clarke, where he was taken by Eastmond and two of his clerks.

Several days ago Mr. Eastmond was visited by a man who gave his name as Henry Fulk of 485 Glenmore avenue, East New York. He wanted a permit to flood a vacant lot, which he intended to prepare for an open air skating rink. He said he did not wish to pay more than \$10 for his permis, and requested a flat one that would allow him to use as much water as he

"I am willing to make good for the privi-lege," he is alleged to have said. "I have an additional \$15 which I am willing to an additional \$15 which I am willing to give up if the inspectors are kept away."

Mr. Eastmond told him that nothing could be done for a day or two. The youthful official then hurried to District Attorney Clarke and told him that an attempt had been made to bribe him. Mr. Clarke wanted to take the facts to the Grand Jury and get an indictment, but Mr. Eastmond thought he could get the culprit in a neater manner.

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Arrangements were made with two clerks in the Water Register's office to be present when Mr. Fulk next visited Mr. Eastmond. One of these clerks is a deputy sheriff. Yesterday the man arrived and asked for Mr. Eastmond. When he was ushered into the room the two clerks stood by while the applicant for a permit discussed his wants with their chief. Finally he became impatient at the manuer in which Mr. Eastmond took his hints that he would be fixed all right, and laid \$15 on the desk.

"There is your money," he said. "Take it and don't make a fuss about it. I will call again for the permit, and when the clerk makes it out I will pay for it."

One of the clerks picked up the money, marked the bills and handed them. They were then handed to Mr. Eastmond, who ordered the man under arrest.

Fulk was at first inclined to think that the whole affair was a huge joke—that an official could refuse cold cash never entered his mind—and laughingly asked if he would be allowed to get to the rink in time to turn on the water, as he thought it was going to be a cold night.

When he was finally taken to the office of District Attorney Clarke, and heard the charge made against him, he collapsed. Ambulance Surgeon Aitkin of the Brooklyn Hospital was summoned, and after a careful examination said the fit was a fake. Fulk was arraigned before Magistrate Dooley in the Adams street court and held for examination.

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R. T. BOARD TO ASK THE COURT To Legalize the Park Avenue Change of Route That Wrecked Houses There,

At the meeting of the Rapid Transit Commission yesterday Albert B. Boardman, counsel to the board, reported that he will apply to the Supreme Court to-day for the appointment of a condemnation commission to legalize the change of the subway route in Park avenue. The easterly tracks under this avenue were moved thirty feet nearer to the curb than was provided in the original plans, with the result that some of the houses on the avenue caved

in.

The change was made without authority, but the Aldermen have since assented to the alteration of route. The property owners have formed an association and have refused their consent until they are indemnified for the damages they have suffered or until it is settled whether the city or the contractor is to be responsible for it. Both the city and the contractor have repudiated liability.

To dodge the necessity of obtaining the consent of the property holders, the commission has to obtain a right of way by condemnation proceedings. The commission authorized Mr. Boardman to hire expert engineers to prove that it was necessary

pert engineers to prove that it was necessary to modify the route in Park avenue to per-mit the turning of trains into Forty-second

"JONES" A WAYWARD SON? Social Ostracism.

The man who grabbed a tray of diamonds and jewelry in the store of Henry Nockin, 667 Columbus avenue, and was caught after a chase, was arraigned in the West Side police court yesterday and held in default of \$2,000 bail for trial.

He described himself to the police as Walter Jones, 23 years old, of 26 Montgomery street, Jersey City," but his lawyer, C. B. F. Barra, declared that his client was

by the recent revoit has been issued, signed by Mayor Low and prominent clergymen of the city. It has been prepared by the Rev. Dr. John P. Peters, at the instance of two native Congregationalist missionaries. The appeal says that \$1,000 a day will be needed for several months. Contributions may be sent to the Trust Company of America at 149 Broadway or to Kidder, Peabody & Co. of Boston.

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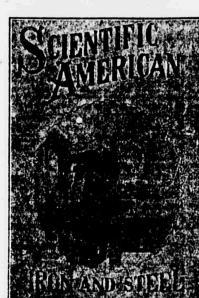
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